



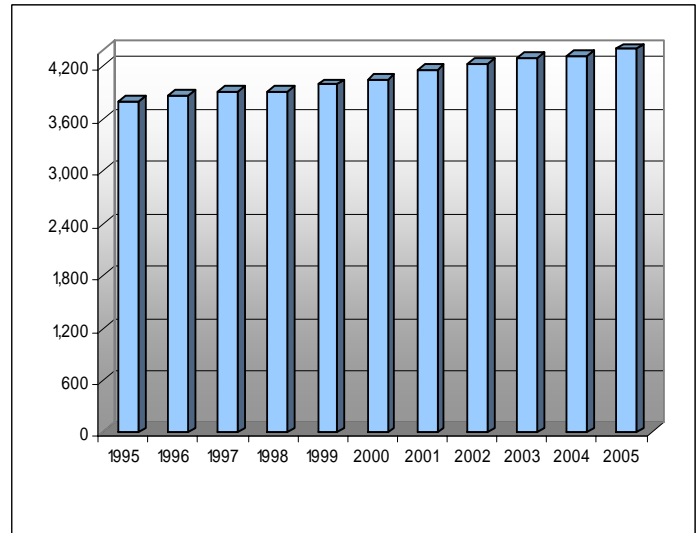
LINCOLN COUNTY PROFILE

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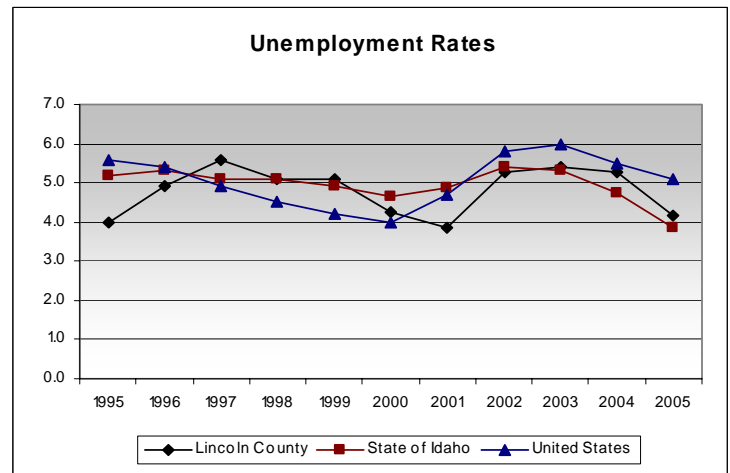
Population

Lincoln County has grown steadily in the last ten years. The population has increased 20 percent in the last decade and kept pace with the growth in the rest of the Magic Valley. The city of Shoshone is the county seat and is a gateway to the Sun Valley area. Lincoln County continues to rely on agriculture and several dairies have started up in the last decade as part of the overall growth of dairies in the Magic Valley. Glanbia Foods has a cheese processing facility in Richfield, fourteen miles east of Shoshone. Shoshone is close enough both to Twin Falls and the Wood River Valley to serve as a bedroom community for workers to commute to those areas to work.



Labor Force & Employment

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate has fluctuated over the past ten years. The peak of 5.6 percent occurred in 1997, and the lowest unemployment rate was 3.8 percent in 2001. After an increase to 5.3 percent in 2002, the rate was essentially unchanged until 2005 when it dropped to 4.2 percent. There has been some diversification in the economy and the creation of some new jobs, primarily in the *Services* sector. Several new convenience stores that serve Sun Valley-bound tourists have done well in Shoshone. Dairy commodities have been strong and cheese processing jobs in Richfield have been very stable. Shoshone is also conveniently located as a bedroom community to workers who commute both to the Twin Falls area and the Wood River Valley area. New dairies have appeared in the southern part of Lincoln County and agriculture is strong.

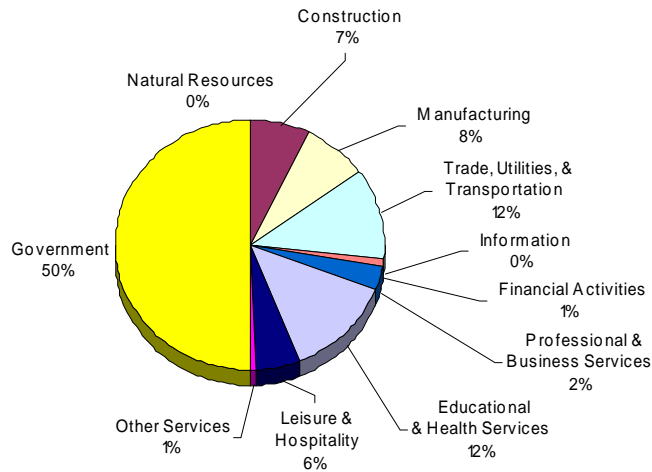


The primary crops grown in Lincoln County are hay, grains, corn, and other crops that can be green chopped for dairy cow consumption. The regional headquarters of the U.S. Bureau of Land Management is located at Shoshone, and much of Southern Idaho fire crew coordination takes place there. The continued outlook for Lincoln County is for slow, steady growth as more people move to Shoshone as a gateway to Sun Valley and a commuting community for the Twin Falls/Jerome areas.

Labor Force	May 2005	May 2006
Civilian Labor Force	2,437	2,604
Total Employment	2,326	2,497
Unemployed	111	108
Lincoln County % Unemployed	4.5	4.1
State of Idaho % Unemployed	3.9	3.4
U.S. % Unemployed	5.1	4.7

Labor Force	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Civilian Labor Force	2,101	2,176	1,818	1,845	1,870	2,192	2,251	2,120	2,330	2,430	2,565
Unemployment	83	106	101	94	96	93	87	111	126	128	107
% of Labor Force Unemployed	4.0	4.9	5.6	5.1	5.1	4.3	3.8	5.3	5.4	5.3	4.2
Employment	2,018	2,070	1,717	1,751	1,774	2,099	2,165	2,009	2,204	2,302	2,458

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs for 2004



Wages & Income

Per capita income in Lincoln County has grown steadily in the last ten years. From 1995 to 2004 per capita income has grown 42 percent, and Lincoln County ranks 25th out of Idaho's 44 counties in that category. Most jobs in Lincoln County are either agricultural or service type jobs that tend to be somewhat lower paying.

Major Employers

Big Wood Canal Company
Glanbia, Inc.
Lincoln County
U.S. Bureau of Land Management
Shoshone School District
Richfield School District
Dietrich School District

Occupational Wages*

Starting Wage

Teachers	\$14.57
Bookkeepers	\$8.91
Cashiers	\$6.21
School Custodians	\$10.16
Cheese Processors	\$9.23
Receptionists	\$8.87
Fire Fighters	\$12.68
Milkers	\$9.90
General Farm Labor	\$6.79
Construction Labor	\$11.52

* Additional Occupational Wage data can be found on the Department of Labor Web site at <http://www.jobservice.us/lmi/wage-survey/owsmainmenu.htm>

Covered Employment & Average Annual Wages Per Job for 1994, 2003, & 2004	1994		2003		2004	
	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages
Total Covered Wages	964	\$17,424	1,203	\$23,536	1,206	\$25,013
Agriculture	88	\$14,556	143	\$21,709	151	\$22,674
Mining	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
Construction	23	\$14,738	86	\$23,120	79	\$26,362
Manufacturing	*	*	*	*	84	\$39,764
Trade, Utilities, & Transportation	136	\$10,344	129	\$12,828	119	\$14,099
Information	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
Financial Activities	11	\$13,144	13	\$13,978	12	\$14,896
Professional and Business Services	13	\$21,857	35	\$23,484	33	\$26,982
Educational and Health Services	62	\$17,600	132	\$24,592	143	\$24,679
Leisure and Hospitality	49	\$6,506	59	\$8,147	59	\$8,857
Other Services	6	\$11,927	6	\$26,534	8	\$21,326
Government	511	\$19,719	527	\$26,494	519	\$27,681

Per Capita Income	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Lincoln County	\$15,829	\$17,975	\$17,206	\$19,122	\$20,074	\$20,143	\$20,841	\$20,464	\$20,018	\$22,550
State of Idaho	\$18,707	\$19,426	\$20,248	\$20,648	\$21,789	\$22,786	\$24,075	\$25,185	\$25,330	\$26,877
United States	\$22,172	\$23,076	\$24,175	\$25,334	\$26,883	\$27,939	\$29,845	\$30,575	\$30,804	\$31,472

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